

**Chicago Community Meeting  
September 30, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.  
American Indian Center**

**Legislators present: Karen Washinawatok, Laurie Boivin, Michael Chapman and Laurie Reiter.**

Barbara Jersey welcomed everyone to the community meeting and introduced the Legislators present for the meeting.

Karen Washinawatok introduced Doug Medin, from Northwestern University and Megan Behn.

Dr. Medin talked about the Science Learning Project they are involved in. They have received National Science Foundation dollars to develop a middle school curriculum on culturally based and non-culturally based science for Menominee children.

There would be two units;

1. Woodland Forest Biology and Ecosystems
2. Fresh Water Biology and Ecosystems

They need people to help in the developing of this curriculum project. The first meeting in Chicago will be October 6<sup>th</sup> here at the Indian Center. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. If there are any questions people can call Megan at 773-844-5825 or Doug at 847-476-3970. Or reach Dr. Medin at his e-mail: [medin@northwestern.edu](mailto:medin@northwestern.edu)

Kenosha Casino Project Update:

Michael Chapman gave an update on the Kenosha project; talking about the land into trust application and the environmental impact statement.

There will be a public hearing in Pleasant Prairie on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Environmental Impact Statement. Anyone is welcome to attend.

There will also be upscale franchise opportunities once the Casino is approved such as: Starbucks, etc. Bill Valardo from Mohegan Tribe will be taking the business plans.

Is it true that Southern Wisconsin residents have preference in the hiring process? No, 82-10 will take precedence over all.

Where is the project stalled at? The review process for the EIS has taken up a lot of time.

Will the recent actions in the Wisconsin congress slow everything down even more? No that bill would still need Wisconsin senate approval and the Governor's approval. And the Governor has promised to veto the bill.

Has there been any more talk regarding housing in Kenosha especially with the way gas prices are soaring? There hasn't been any talks regarding housing but there are many housing developments in the Kenosha area.

#### Forest Management Listening Sessions:

Laurie Reiter gave an update on this summer's listening sessions. The FMP Ad Hoc committee is going over the questions/comments from all the sessions and is sorting them to determine who/how they should be answered.

#### Other Business:

- Brenda Tomow, Strategic Planning Coordinator from the Tribe, was present to briefly go over the Strategic Planning Initiative of the Tribe.

Brenda went over the history of the plan and what is coming up in the next years.

- Constitution & Bylaws update:  
The Chairman's office is still taking any comments/changes to the constitution until October 17<sup>th</sup>. After all the comments have been received the Legislature will review them.
- Will tribal members need new ID cards for the tax free gas station? Yes, tribal members can get 1 free new I.D. card from the Licensing & Permit department. This card will have a magnetic strip on it which you will be using at the gas pump.
- There is a list of tribal members who have not received the \$2000. or some of the \$100. Payouts from the Tribe. Maybe this list can be put on the Tribes web site.

Legislators Chapman, Boivin and Washinawatok gave closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.